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SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT OF PHASE II STUDY TEAM

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF QTE PHASE II STUDY TEAM REPORT:

STATUS AS OF 15 SEPTEMBER 1973. UNQTE

BEGIN TEXT

1.SINCE SUBMITTING ITS FIRST STATUS REPORT LAST APRIL, THE FRG, UK, US AD HOC STUDY TEAM HAS CONTINUED ITS WORK TOWARD PREPARATION OF A PROVISIONAL PHASE II REPORT. DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW OF PAPERS DEALING WITH SUBJECTS RELEVANT TO THE PHASE I STUDIES HAVE CONTINUED, AND THE STUDY TEAM MET AGAIN IN WASHINGTON ON 12-14 SEPTEMBER.

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2. AT THE WASHINGTON MEETING WORKING PAPERS ON COLLATERAL

DAMAGE, ASPECTS OF DETERRENCE, AND WEAPONRY WERE TENTATIVELY APPROVED BY THE TEAM. NEW DRAFTS ON ENEMY RESPONSE, THE FUNCTION OF CONVENTIONAL FORCES IN FOLLOW-ON USE, USE IN EXTENDED GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS, AND THE RELATIONSHIP OF FOLLOW-ON USE TO INITIAL USE WERE CONSIDERED AND REVISED. AS NOTED IN THE PREVIOUS STATUS REPORT, BECAUSE OF THE CLEAR INTERRELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE VARIOUS SUBJECTS BEING STUDIED, ALL PAPERS ARE BEING KEPT UNDER REVIEW AS THE WORK OF THE TEAM PROCEEDS.

3. PREPARATION OF A NEW PAPER ON THE SUBJECT OF POLITICAL CONTROL WAS DISCUSSED BY THE STUDY TEAM AT THE WASHINGTON MEETING. A WORKING PAPER WILL BE PREPARED FOR INITIAL REVIEW BY THE TEAM AT THE NEXT MEETING IN LONDON.

4. THE STUDY TEAM HAS NOTED THAT NPG MINISTERS, AT THEIR LAST MEETING, IN ANKARA IN MAY OF 1973, INVITED PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES TO CONSIDER THE VALUE OF A CONCEPTUAL ANALYSIS OF THE NUCLEAR ASPECTS OF DETERRENCE. IN VIEW OF THE WORK WHICH THE TEAM ITSELF HAS DONE IN THIS AREA, IT HAS DECIDED TO CIRCULATE, AS A CONTRIBUTION TO CONSIDERATION OF THE QUESTION, THE WORKING PAPER WHICH IT HAS PREPARED ON QTE ASPECTS OF DETERRENCE UNQTE. THE STUDY TEAM EMPHASIZES THAT THE PAPER DOES NOT REPRESENT NATIONAL POSITIONS, BUT ONLY THE VIEWS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE TEAM.

5. IN THE COURSE OF ITS WORK, THE STUDY TEAM HAS CONSIDERED THE POINTS MADE BY FORMER SECRETARY GENERAL BROGIO IN HIS PO/226 OF 1971 ABOUT THE POSSIBLE IMPACT OF NEW WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY. ALTHOUGH AS THE US REPRESENTATIVE NOTED AT THE MINISTERIAL MEETING AT ANKARA, THERE ARE NO CURRENT PLANS TO PRODUCE OR DEPLOY A NEW FAMILY OF WEAPONS, IT HAS BECOME APPARENT TO THE STUDY TEAM THAT CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS, ESPECIALLY IN THE FIELD OF NEW GUIDANCE SYSTEMS, COULD HAVE A POTENTIALLY IMPORTANT IMPACT ON THE WHOLE COMPLEX OF QUESTIONS SURROUNDING THE TACTICAL USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. SINCE A FULL EXAMINATION OF THIS SUBJECT WOULD BE BEYOND ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE AND IN ANY EVENT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN A WIDER FORUM, THE STUDY TEAM SUGGESTS THAT THE NPG SHOULD

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CONSIDER THE ADVISABILITY OF A SEPARATE STUDY OF THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY IMPLICATIONS OF THESE NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

6. DESPITE THE FACT THAT GOOD PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE, THE TEAM RECOGNIZES THAT THERE REMAINS A GREAT DEAL OF WORK TO BE DONE BEFORE IT WILL BE IN A POSITION TO SUBMIT A PROVISIONAL REPORT. IT APPEARS THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE

TO SUBMIT A DRAFT FOR CIRCULATION TO OTHER NPG NATIONS
SOME TIME IN 1974. STATUS REPORTS WILL BE SUBMITTED AS
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